

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-50. (Canceled.)

51. (New) A method for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:

(a) receiving, by a packet switched network, a request from a second user for web page associated with the first user; and

(b) providing, by the packet switched network, the second user with the web page, wherein at least one of the following is true:

(B1) the provided web page comprises at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user, wherein the at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user is varied depending on the identity of the requestor;

(B2) the provided web page comprises a plurality of contact options to contact the first user and an activatable icon to initiate a contact to the first user by an option selected by the second user, the contact options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call;

(B3) the provided web page comprises a personalized message for the second user, the personalized message being provided only to selected requestors but not to all requestors; and

(B4) the provided web page comprises one or more fields for receiving a text message from the second user for the first user, wherein the inputted text message is converted into a voice message for the first user at the request of the second user.

52. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein (B1) is true.

53. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein (B2) is true.

54. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein (B3) is true.

55. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein (B4) is true.

56. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein the provided web page comprises a location option to locate a communication device through which the first user is currently directly contactable and wherein, when the location option is selected by the second user, the method further comprises:

initiating a plurality of communications with a plurality of communication devices associated with the first user; and

when the first user responds to one or more of the plurality of communications, notifying the second user of the communication device corresponding to the responded to one or more of the plurality of communications.

57. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein the provided web page comprises at least one activity description involving the first and second users, a response indicator indicating whether or not the second user can participate in the at least one activity, and a request for an alternate date acceptable to the second user for the at least one activity description.

58. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein the provided web page comprises a listing of individuals, a corresponding skill of each listed individual, and contact information associated with each of the listed individuals.

59. (New) The method of Claim 55, wherein the web page comprises a plurality of communication options for selection by the second user, wherein the communication options comprise at least one of a voice mail and telephone call, wherein, when at least one of voice mail and a telephone call is selected by the second user, the method further comprises:

converting the text message inputted by the second user into a corresponding audio message; and

forwarding the corresponding audio message to the first user by the selected at least one of voice mail and a telephone call.

60. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein the providing step comprises: authenticating the identification of the second user; and

applying one or more rules to select a web page configuration to be provided to the second user, the rules requiring differing web page configurations to be provided to differing requestors.

61. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein the provided web page is a personal homepage of the first user.

62. (New) A computer readable medium comprising processor executable instructions operable to perform the steps of claim 51.

63. (New) A method for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:

receiving, by a packet switched network, a request from a second user for a web page associated with the first user;

providing the second user with the web page, wherein the web page comprises one or more fields for receiving an inputted text message for the first user;

receiving from the second user, by the web page, an inputted text message for the first user;

receiving a command to forward the inputted text message to the first user by a selected communication option, the selected communication option being at least one of a live voice call and voice mail;

converting the inputted text message into a corresponding audio stream; and

sending the corresponding audio stream to at least one of a live voice communication device and a voice mail repository associated with the first user.

64. (New) The method of Claim 63, wherein the web page comprises a plurality of communication options for transmission of the inputted text message to the first user, the plurality of communication options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call and further comprising:

when the second user selects one or more of the plurality of communication options, providing the text message to the first user by the selected one or more communication options.

65. (New) The method of Claim 64, wherein at least one of the following is true:

(1) the provided web page comprises at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user, wherein the at least one of a current physical location of the first user,

current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user is varied depending on the identity of the requestor;

(2) the provided web page comprises a plurality of contact options to contact the first user and an activatable icon to initiate a contact to the first user by an option selected by the second user, the contact options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call; and

(3) the provided web page comprises a personalized message for the second user, the personalized message being provided only to selected requestors but not to all requestors.

66. (New) The method of Claim 65, wherein (1) is true.

67. (New) The method of Claim 65, wherein (2) is true.

68. (New) The method of Claim 65, wherein (3) is true.

69. (New) The method of Claim 63, wherein the provided web page comprises a location option to locate a communication device through which the first user is currently directly contactable and wherein, when the location option is selected by the second user, the method further comprises:

initiating a plurality of communications with a plurality of communication devices associated with the first user; and

when the first user responds to one or more of the plurality of communications, notifying the second user of the communication device corresponding to the responded to one or more of the plurality of communications.

70. (New) The method of Claim 63, wherein the provided web page comprises at least one activity description involving the first and second users, a response indicator indicating whether or not the second user can participate in the at least one activity, and a request for an alternate date acceptable to the second user for the at least one activity description.

71. (New) The method of Claim 63, wherein the provided web page comprises a listing of individuals, a corresponding skill of each listed individual, and contact information associated with each of the listed individuals.

72. (New) The method of Claim 63, wherein the providing step comprises: authenticating the identification of the second user; and

applying one or more rules to select a web page configuration to be provided to the second user, the rules requiring differing web page configurations to be provided to differing requestors.

73. (New) The method of Claim 72, wherein the provided web page is a personal homepage of the first user.

74. (New) A computer readable medium comprising processor executable instructions operable to perform the steps of claim 63.

75. (New) A system for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:

(a) a network server operable to receive, by a packet switched network, a request from a second user for a web page of the first user; and

(b) a resource manager operable to provide, by the packet switched network, the second user with the web page of the first user, wherein at least one of the following is true:

(B1) the provided web page comprises at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user, wherein the at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user is varied depending on the identity of the requestor;

(B2) the provided web page comprises a plurality of contact options to contact the first user and an activatable icon to initiate a contact to the first user by an option selected by the second user, the contact options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call;

(B3) the provided web page comprises a personalized message for the second user, the personalized message being provided only to selected requestors but not to all requestors; and

(B4) the provided web page comprises one or more fields for receiving a text message from the second user for the first user, wherein the inputted text message is converted into a voice message for the first user at the request of the second user.

76. (New) The system of Claim 75, wherein (B1) is true.

77. (New) The system of Claim 75, wherein (B2) is true.

78. (New) The system of Claim 75, wherein (B3) is true.

79. (New) The system of Claim 75, wherein (B4) is true.

80. (New) The system of Claim 75, wherein the web page comprises a location option to locate a communication device through which the first user is currently directly contactable and wherein, when the location option is selected by the second user, the resource manager is further operable to initiate a plurality of communications with a plurality of communication devices associated with the first user and, when the first user responds to one or more of the plurality of communications, notify the second user of the communication device corresponding to the responded to one or more of the plurality of communications.

81. (New) The system of Claim 75, wherein the provided web page comprises at least one activity description involving the first and second users, a response indicator indicating whether or not the second user can participate in the at least one activity, and a request for an alternate date acceptable to the second user for the at least one activity description.

82. (New) The system of Claim 75, wherein the provided web page comprises a listing of individuals, a corresponding skill of each listed individual, and contact information associated with each of the listed individuals.

83. (New) The system of Claim 79, wherein the web page comprises a plurality of communication options for selection by the second user, wherein the communication options comprise at least one of a voice mail and telephone call, wherein the at least one of voice mail and a telephone call is selected by the second user, and further comprising:

a text-to-speech engine operable to convert the inputted text message into a corresponding audio message; and wherein the resource manager is further operable to forward the corresponding audio message to the first user by the selected at least one of voice mail and a telephone call.

84. (New) The system of Claim 75, further comprising:
an authentication engine operable to authenticate the identification of the second user; and

a rules administrator operable to apply one or more rules to select a web page configuration to be provided to the second user, the rules requiring differing web page configurations to be provided to differing requestors.

85. (New) A system for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:

a network server operable to receive, by a packet switched network, a request from a second user for a web page of the first user;

a resource manager operable (a) receive, by a packet switched network, a request from a second user for the web page associated with the first user; (b) provide the second user with the web page, wherein the web page comprises one or more fields for receiving an inputted text message for the first user; (c) receive from the second user, by the web page, an inputted text message for the first user; (d) receive a command to forward the inputted text message to the first user by a selected communication option, the selected communication option being at least one of a live voice call and voice mail; (e) convert the inputted text message into a corresponding audio stream; and (f) send the corresponding audio stream to at least one of a live voice communication device and a voice mail repository associated with the first user.

86. The system of Claim 85, wherein the web page comprises a plurality of communication options for transmission of the inputted text message to the first user, the plurality of communication options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call and wherein, when the second user selects one or more of the plurality of communication options, the text message is provided to the first user by the selected one or more communication options.

87. (New) The system of Claim 85, wherein at least one of the following is true:

(1) the provided web page comprises at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user, wherein the at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user is varied depending on the identity of the requestor;

(2) the provided web page comprises a plurality of contact options to contact the first user and an activatable icon to initiate a contact to the first user by an option selected by the second user, the contact options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call; and

(3) the provided web page comprises a personalized message for the second user, the personalized message being provided only to selected requestors but not to all requestors.

88. (New) The system of Claim 87, wherein (1) is true.

89. (New) The system of Claim 87, wherein (2) is true.

90. (New) The system of Claim 87, wherein (3) is true.

91. (New) The system of Claim 87, wherein the provided web page comprises a location option to locate a communication device through which the first user is currently directly contactable, wherein, when the location option is selected by the second user, a plurality of communications are initiated with a plurality of communication devices associated with the first user and, when the first user responds to one or more of the plurality of communications, the second user of the communication device is notified of the responded to one or more of the plurality of communications.

92. (New) The system of Claim 87, wherein the provided web page comprises at least one activity description involving the first and second users, a response indicator indicating whether or not the second user can participate in the at least one activity, and a request for an alternate date acceptable to the second user for the at least one activity description.

93. (New) The system of Claim 87, wherein the provided web page comprises a listing of individuals, a corresponding skill of each listed individual, and contact information associated with each of the listed individuals.

94. (New) The system of Claim 87, wherein the resource manager is further operable to authenticate the identification of the second user and apply one or more rules to select a web page configuration to be provided to the second user, the rules requiring differing web page configurations to be provided to differing requestors.

95. (New) The system of Claim 94, wherein the provided web page is a personal homepage of the first user.